



St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



PEACE

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:15PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 6:00PM

Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00AM

*Special Schedules for Holy Days

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The chapel will remain closed at this time for Perpetual Adoration. Please see page 4 regarding Eucharistic Adoration in our main church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00PM

Confessions will also be heard upon request.

Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Sunday—CLOSED

*Monday– Friday 9:00AM—4:00PM

Saturday—CLOSED

(*Please see details on page 2)



Sunday December 6, 2020

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

7:30AM All Living and Deceased Parishioners

9:30AM Ernest Zima (The Sullivan Family)

11:30AM John - Warrio Jimenez (The Young Family)

6:00PM Gus Kuhlman (Carolyn Kuhlman)

Monday December 7, 2020

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

9:00AM Paul Shubnell (James and Monica Walsh)

**7:00PM Lauren Nicole and Frank Young
(The Young Family)**

Tuesday December 8, 2020

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**7:00AM Joan and William Tisdall
(James and Monica Walsh)**

9:00AM Patricia Ann Trigg (Robert Trigg)

**7:00PM Francis and Elizabeth Kennedy
(Kathleen Kennedy - Davidson)**

Wednesday December 9, 2020

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

9:00AM Lorraine Gioia (Edna Telep)

Thursday December 10, 2020

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

9:00AM Grace Rossi - Zyck (Rich and Kathy Moore)

Friday December 11, 2020

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

9:00AM Special Intention (Loretta and Bill Amerine)

Saturday December 12, 2020

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

5:15PM Meryl Jacobson (Chuck Jacobson)

Sunday December 13, 2020

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**7:30AM Myron and Pauline Komarnitsky
(Nicholas and Sonya Villari)**

9:30AM John O'Rourke (Alice O'Rourke)

11:30AM Jenny Bowman (Mary Bowman)

6:00PM Jean Nicolo (Murphy and Menarde Family)

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Church Sanctuary Candle burns in loving memory of Mary and Frank Fazzalore requested by The Nally Family.



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Reading I: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

These verses open the so-called "Book of Comfort." We read of the commissioning of the prophet. Later in history John the Baptist will fulfill Isaiah's declaration about a "desert voice proclaiming."

Reading II: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

The unknown author (definitely not St. Peter) addresses the criticism he has heard of God's providence. He explains "divine time," and His "delay" which is actually His patience with sinners.

The Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

This prologue relates for the reader the promises of the Old Testament prophets to the work of John the Baptist and to Jesus as "the coming One." We also receive a portrayal of St. John's humility.

RECTORY HOURS

The rectory office is open Monday through Friday from 9AM until 4PM. All other times will be by appointment only. For your protection, and the protection of the staff, we ask that all persons over the age of 2 wear a mask while in the rectory. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 215-493-3377 or contact@stignatius.church before you stop by as most things can still be accomplished with a phone call.

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Whether it's your first time here or you have been coming to Mass here for years, we welcome you to join our parish. Please contact the rectory to register.

RCIA

Information is available for those who are considering becoming a member of the Catholic Faith. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Annmarie Flanagan, at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on Sundays at 12:45PM. Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class or for a Baptism.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the priests.



Parishioners are encouraged to let the rectory know when they are in the hospital, nursing home, or other medical care facility. Please contact the rectory if you or anyone you know might be ill, a shut in or unable to attend Mass on a weekly basis. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.

RECTORY OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

December

Wednesday 12/9 - Open 9am - 12pm
Wednesday 12/23 - Open 9am to 12pm, Thurs. 12/24 - Closed
Fri. 12/25 - Closed, Wednesday 12/30 Open 9am to 12pm,
Thurs 12/31 - Closed, Friday 1/1 - Closed

FISCAL CORNER

As of week 9 of the Parish appeal, 244 families have contributed \$89,690.71 toward our goal of \$150,000. We are at 59.79% of this year's goal and are \$6,509 behind last year's pace. We ask that you please consider a gift towards this most important appeal!

This is one of our largest sources of income, aside from our normal Sunday collections, and is greatly needed for the daily operation of our parish. We are seeing a small decrease in our total Sunday collections as well as facing a shortfall in the school due to Covid remediation. Additional cost for cleaning and sanitizing, additional staff for remediation, supplies and signage, as well as the reduction in enrollment in our PreK program will result in a larger than average parish subsidy. If you can help with this effort, it would be greatly appreciated! You should have received our appeal materials in the mail. If you have not, there are appeal envelopes located in the entrances of the church. Please return your donation by placing this year's appeal envelope in the collection basket at Mass, mail your contribution or drop it off directly to the rectory. You can even make a one time donation on our Parish Giving site. Please visit www.stignatius.church for more information on e-giving. Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Collection

	<u>12/1/2019</u>		<u>11/29/2020</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 15,548.00	364	\$ 9,571.00	159
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,992.82		\$ 8,421.65	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 20,540.82		\$ 17,992.65	
 Thanksgiving - Caring for Friends	 \$ 1,512.00		 \$ 2,262.35	
	<u>11/24/2019</u>		<u>11/22/2020</u>	
Sunday Offering	\$ 14,477.00	364	\$ 11,352.00	178
Online Parish Giving	\$ 4,863.85		\$ 9,435.74	
Total Weekly Contribution	\$ 19,340.85		\$ 20,787.74	

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship. ©JPPC

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition will be held Monday thru Friday from 10AM to 8PM. The restrictions for church attendance such as social distancing and wearing of masks apply. To assist with church sanitizing we are designating the front 3 pews for this devotion. We hope to resume 24/7 Perpetual Adoration in the Chapel when it is advisable. In the meantime, let us pray for each other and may God continue to bless you and your families.



Please
P R A Y
for the sick of our parish and
those that care for them

Lord hear our prayer for the sick in our community that they return to the comfort of good health: Loretta Amerine, Sabrina

Amerine, Baby Brianna, Lorraine C., Rich C., Ruthann Carroll, Brynn Clare Connor, Evelyn Conway, Stacie Crane, C. Crawford, Rose Ann Grall, Jonathan Grubb, Madeline Guarnieri, Lou Gunkel, Charles Jacobson, Nathan Kilgore, Michael Kotwicki, Dave Maclay, Sean Marriott, Toni McConnell, Dorothy McMullen, Baby Eva McNamara, Christine Nassar, Nabil Nassar, Carolyn Rupprecht, Irene Schuka, Walter Shimp, Darwin Stout, Catherine Torres, Edward Torres.



Brian Basheda, Daniel Basheda, Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Erik Bresnahan, Sara Brill, Mark Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, Evan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTample, Andrew Dill, Ronald Ernst, Anthony Fuscarello, Rick Fuschetti, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine (Kawoczka) Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Thomas LaMorte, Marty Alexie Leonard, Nels Alexie Leonard, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Matthew Listner, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, J.C. Peabody, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, Brett Ryan, Luke Stapleton, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

God our Father, Thank you for calling Griffen Schlaepfer, Andrew Lane, Michael Lewis, Philip Cheung, Erik Reyes, Anthony Albanese, and Juan Builes, to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Help them form their personalities as credible witnesses to others. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them generous hearts to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen

To learn more about our seminarians visit
<http://heedthecall.org/poster/>



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Tuesday, December 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, December 7th at 7:00PM and Tuesday at 7:00AM, 9:00AM (live-streamed), and 7:00PM.



Pray for our beloved deceased especially those who have no one to pray for them, and the Holy Souls in purgatory.



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word has resumed with safety measures in place. All participants will be asked to wear masks/face shields. The children will be spaced six feet apart while we process downstairs at the start of Children's Liturgy and again while we process upstairs afterwards. In addition, we will set up the worship space on the floor of the auditorium to provide additional room to spread the children. The children will sit on individual mats that will be disinfected each week. Siblings will be permitted to sit next to one another, if they choose, but all other participants will be spaced six feet apart. For the time being, leaflets will not be distributed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Alice LaMorte at malamorte@verizon.net at any time. We look forward to an interactive Children's Liturgy with your children once again!

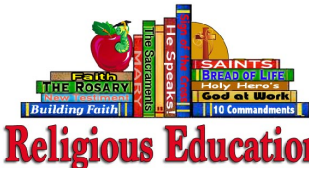


SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ATTENTION ALL 8th GRADERS...DEADLINE APPROACHING - DECEMBER 7TH!

Applications are now open for the DLFF CEC Scholarship Class of 2025! Together DLFF and CEC are working to make a Catholic Education affordable! APPLY NOW for a \$2,000 scholarship (per year for all 4 years) at dlff.org/dlff-cec-scholarship or go to conwell-egan.org/scholarships to learn more about scholarship opportunities. HURRY...the deadline to apply is DECEMBER 7th!

IMPORTANT: Please allow enough time for your LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION to be submitted DLFF Scholars...building life skills in Accountability, Responsibility, Service, Initiative and Leadership



From the Religious Education Office ... The PREP office is open from Sundays through Thursdays. I am in the Antioch Center (old rectory) on Sundays and weekday evenings.

Religious Education

PREP REGISTRATION: PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) is for children in Grades K to 8. PREP classes are being held remotely at the present time. Parents can find the lessons on the parish website. (Go to stignatius.church, and then click on PREP. The grade levels will come up, so click on the level you want. Finish up by completing the Interactive Session Review and send results to Mrs. Perini's email – lperini@stignatius.church). Each class's lesson will be available for 3 weeks only. Then the next lesson will replace it. Registered families can communicate with the teachers by email. If you missed registration, please stop in our office or call us (215-493-5204) to receive the registration form by email.

Special Needs: Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please call Annmarie at 215-493-5204.

8th Grade Students: Our program this year is Matthew Kelly's Decision Point. Parents, please encourage your 8th graders to continue their study of God and his Church. Confirmation is not graduation from learning about God; this is a lifetime commitment.

SACRAMENTS:

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION: If you missed the informational Parent Meeting for First Penance/Holy Communion, we will have a Zoom meeting very soon. I will email the informational papers after the Zoom Meeting. First Penance will take place on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. First Communion is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Mass and 12:00 noon Mass.

CONFIRMATION:

Because of the Covid pandemic and people's fears, I am canceling the in-person Parent Meeting for Confirmation that was scheduled for Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Church. We will have a Zoom meeting in December instead. I will give you the exact date and time after Thanksgiving. Confirmation paperwork will be emailed to you after the Zoom Meeting. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., with Bishop John J. McIntyre.

Thank you to all of you who celebrated our annual Advent Gift-Giving Mass with us on Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m., in Church. Thank you too to all those who contributed gifts for the children of St. Katharine Drexel and Sacred Heart Parishes. You will make a lot of children very happy this Christmas!

THANK YOU FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE!

The Social Action Committee was overwhelmed with the response to our recent Turkey and Canned Goods Drive. The community and St. Ignatius parishioners supported us with over 200 turkeys and carloads of food items, more donated this year than ever before. A special thank you to St. Ignatius School for their incredibly generous donations, as well as the many volunteers from the school, prep program, and Boy Scout Troop 10. The enthusiasm of all who participated was heart-warming to see and feel as everyone came together to help those in need, especially during these trying times.

Items collected were given to the following organizations for distribution to their clients: Catholic Social Services of Trenton, Catholic Social Services of Levittown, food cupboards at Holy Trinity Church in Morrisville and also at Holy Redeemer Church in Philadelphia, Aiding our Neighbors in Yardley, Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Hamilton, NJ, Church of the Living God in South Philly, Good Friends in Morrisville, and No Longer Bound in Bristol.

Thank you to everyone who donated as well as those who assisted with this drive. And always, a special thank you to our anonymous Thanks-giving “angel” who every year, surprises us with very generous gift cards from Giant. We are most grateful for all this support and really feel the Holy Spirit is alive and well and charity is still a most wonderful gift!



THANK YOU FROM THE LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION

I just received your generous gift of \$2,500.00 from the Respect Life Committee and could not be more thankful. Your gift will be used immediately to give precious moms and babies the hope and help they so desperately need. Please extend our thanks to everyone who helped make this gift possible.

I wish that the moms you are helping and the babies you are saving could thank themselves, because you have done a remarkable thing. I just know they will feel the love and support of kind friends like you at this moment.



A much needed roof replacement was completed on the Antioch center addition! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Men's payer group for their generous donation to cover the cost of the replacement! Thank you for allowing us to complete this much needed repair!

THANK YOU FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS

Thank you once again for your kindness and hospitality toward us during this year's parish appeal! Your assistance and support allows us to surround our residents with the special comforts and needs that their aging merits. We are happy to share the total of checks received brings the appeal total to \$6,340.00 We are most grateful!

Our family of residents and Little Sisters continue to offer monthly Masses, daily rosaries, and personal prayers, assuring you of our deep and sincere gratitude.

I ask you to remember us also in your prayers as we are undertaking a major work in rebuilding our Holy Family Home over the next 3-5 years! Blessed Be God!

Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

Saint Ignatius Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments, and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact the rectory for more information.



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Catholic Cemetery
& Columbarium

Our Outdoor Columbarium Niches, located in the memorial circle in the center of our cemetery, are now available for sale. Double granite front niches are intended to be used for the cremated remains of two persons behind a marble shutter. If you have any questions, or are interested in purchasing a niche, please visit our parish website at www.stignatius.church or call the Rectory at 215-493-3377.

DEDICATE THE CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR 2021

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or a special intention make arrangements with the Rectory. The cost of the candle is \$10.00. It will burn for one week. The memorial will be published in the Bulletin.



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

DECORATE THE CHURCH

Please join us in decorating our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20th at 12:45PM. This is a great opportunity for service hours! If you can help, please call the rectory, 215-493-3377 extension 211, and leave your name and phone number. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

DONATIONS NEEDED



Please consider helping Kelly Larr work on her Girl Scout Silver Award Project. She will be collecting educational games/toys and electronic Leapfrogs for the children at the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter. The donation drop-off is going to be December 5th/6th to December 12th/13th. If you have any questions you can email klarr26@gmail.com.



LIVESTREAMING ON OUR WEBPAGE AT 9:30AM

until we gather again in
WORSHIP
know that you are
MISSED
know that you are
LOVED



Join us for an Advent Retreat
with Father Pio Mandato FMHJ

The hearts deepest longing is for Heaven

*“No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived what God
has prepared for those who love him”*

1 Corinthians 2:9

Monday, December 14th **“Faith”**

Anointing of the Sick after the 9am Mass

7:00 pm Exposition of the Eucharist and Benediction

**Conference On Judgement - For we must all appear before
the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive
what is due us for the things done while in the body,
whether good or bad. (2 Cor 5:10).**

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

Tuesday, December 15th **“Hope”**

*Conference after the 9am Mass by Sr. Theresa CN on “The Dig-
nity of Women: the teaching of St John Paul II”*

7:00 pm Healing service with Adoration

**Conference: on Death and Hell: “All men are appointed to
die once, and after that face the Judgement (Hebrews 9:27).**

*Adoration and healing blessing with the glove of St Pio, that he
wore over his stigmatized hand.*

Wednesday, December 16th **“Love”**

**7:00 pm Lenten Liturgy with dedication of the Parish to Our
Lady With Marian procession**

**Homily on “Heaven”. Scripture teaches: “now we are chil-
dren of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be.
We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, be-
cause we will see Him just as He is”. 1 John 3:2.**

Volunteers Needed!

Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN) an inter-faith organization, runs a Code Blue shelter to house the homeless in lower Bucks County on cold winter nights. It will be opening on December 1st this year, and the shelter will be housed at Calvary Baptist Church, 250 Green Lane in Bristol, PA.

Volunteers are needed each night the Shelter is open to help welcome the guests, prepare meals and take overnight shifts. Volunteer training can be completed online, and all COVID protocols will be followed.

St. Ignatius already works closely with AHTN, by preparing and serving a Shared Meal to our homeless and needy friends each month. For more information about volunteering at the Shelter or any other mission, please visit Home | Advocates For Homeless & Those In Need or contact Jen Sullivan (jenny_sullivan414@yahoo.com or (215)369-9262).

CARING FOR FRIENDS (Formerly Aid for Friends)

Due to health concerns during the holiday season, Caring for Friends will be CANCELLED on December 10, 2020. We will resume meeting to assemble meals for the homebound on January 14, 2021.

If you would like to make meals at home, please use the packets available at each church door for this purpose. These packets have enough supplies for five meals. If you would like to obtain a larger supply of materials, please contact Kathy (215-321-0116) or Jayne (215-321-5739) to obtain these supplies.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”—St. Francis of Assisi

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Are you in need of rent, mortgage, or utility assistance? Catholic Social Services is here to help you! You may be eligible for financial assistance. Please call 215-624-5920 for further information.

A Moment with St. Marguerite d’Youville for December 2020

“I shall never forget the friends from whom I have received so many kindnesses.” St. Marguerite d’Youville

As we prepare for Christmas, these words of St. Marguerite remind us that we are sometimes the friend who bestows kindnesses on others. Advent calls us to be mindful of the gifts of time and presence, as we prepare for the birth of Christ. It can be a time to show gratitude to someone else through your presence and to be grateful for all who bless your life with their presence!

Learn more about St. Marguerite d’Youville and the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart: www.Grey-Nun.org

GET FORMED



Take courage; get up, he is calling you.

Mk 10:49

MASS AT HOME

FAITH AT HOME

SCHOOL AT HOME

PRAY AT HOME

KIDS STUFF

MOVIE NIGHTS

FORMED LIVE

HOLY HOURS